

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA**

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PESTICIDE IN EXPORTED SPICES
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether pesticide residues in consignment of spices exported from India were found in excess of the norms;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government for providing testing and inspection facilities before exporting spices to other countries?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAI RAM RAMESH)

(a) & (b): There were no reports of excess pesticides residues in Indian spices exported in the years 2005 and the current year so far. However, four cases were reported in the year 2003 and one in the year 2004.

(c) The Government of India is providing budgetary support to implement a programme to assist exporters in setting up / upgrading quality control laboratories in their premises during the 10th Five Year Plan. In addition, the Spices Board maintains a well equipped, NABL accredited and ISO certified Quality Evaluation Laboratory at Cochin which provides analytical services to the exporters.